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SUBJECT: YOUNG LOAN PROCEEDINGS

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM REGISTRAR HUSEL OF KOBLENZ TRIBUNAL ENCLOSING APPLICATION FROM FRG AGENT ASKING THAT RESPONDENT'S TIME LIMIT FOR COUNTER-MEMORIAL IN YOUNG LOAN CASE BE EXTENDED BY SIX MONTHS TO JUNE 30, 1975. HUSEL ASKS TO BE INFORMED OF US AGENT'S OBSERVATION BY DECEMBER 12, 1974 AFTER WHICH DATE, IN ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, HE WILL PRESUME THAT NO OBJECTIONS ON PART USG EXIST.

2. IN LETTER FROM FRG AGENT (RUMPF) HE GIVES FOLLOWING REASONS FOR REQUESTED EXTENSION:

A. DELAY IN APPROVAL FOR FRG EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF THE LONDON DEBT CONFERENCE UNTIL SPRING 1974, AND ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS ONLY DURING SUMMER 1974;

B. THE VOLUME AND IMPORTANCE OF THE RECORDS EXAMINED REQUIRED A THOROUGH REVISION OF PREVIOUSLY PREPARED DRAFT FRG COUNTER-MEMORIAL, DELAYING FINAL TEXT UNTIL FALL 1974;

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C. TIME REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION OF

TRANSLATION, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LANGUAGE SERVICES IN FOREIGN OFFICE AND FINANCE MINISTRY ARE OVER-LOADED WITH TRANSLATION WORK, RESULTING IN INABILITY TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE THAT FULLY CERTIFIED TEXT WOULD BE READY BEFORE SPRING 1975, PRINTING THEN STILL BEING REQUIRED.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND SUGGESTS THAT FOLLOWING BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

- A. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY SWISS IN PRE-PARING FINAL TRANSLATION OF MEMORIAL INTO GERMAN;
 - B. POSSIBILITY THAT WE TOO COULD ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES AND NEED EXTENSION; AND
 - C. EFFECT OF THIS EXTENSION IN EXTENDING TIME PERIOD FOR FINAL REJOINDER TO FALL 1976. LATTERMOST CONSIDERATION, ASSUMING REPLIES AND REJOINDER ARE IN FACT SUBMITTED, WOULD EXTEND NORMAL COMMENCEMENT OF ORAL PROCEEDINGS PROBABLY TO WITHIN MONTHS OF JUNE 30, 1977 WHEN FIVE-YEAR TERMS OF CASTREN AND WICKSTROM, IF EXTENDED RETROACTIVE FROM 1 JULY 1972, WOULD EXPIRE. THIS RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT UK, US, AND FRANCE COULD AGREE TO RETROACTIVE EXTENSION OF THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, WHILE ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE SUCCESSOR TO WICKSTROM TO ASSUME OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT AS OF JULY 1, 1977. IT COULD AVOID NEED TO FIND REASON ACCEPTABLE TO ALL TO ASK WICKSTROM TO STEP DOWN, AS EXPIRATION OF EXTENDED -TERM WOULD BE AUTOMATIC, AT TIME WHEN HE WOULD BE SO AGED THAT A FURTHER FIVE-YEAR TERM WOULD NOT BE REASONABLE EXPECTATION BY ANYONE.
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